

missed those votes on medical liability reform as they came up in the other body.

Mr. Speaker, the cost of defensive medicine, not just the cost of liability insurance for doctors, but the cost of defensive medicine in this country in a 1996 Stanford University study was estimated to be \$50 billion a year to the Medicare system, not the private health insurance system, but to the Medicare system alone.

Mr. Speaker, we can no longer afford this. The whole problem with the uninsured and access to health care for all Americans languishes because we have not taken conclusive action on medical liability reform. Again, let me stress we have a President who will sign that legislation into law. We have a candidate for President who is on record as voting "no."

#### THE LOSS OF MANUFACTURING JOBS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans promised us they would create jobs, but their failed policies have left our economy weaker. We have lost 2.8 million manufacturing jobs, the largest decline in over 80 years. We have not seen one month of manufacturing job growth since George Bush took office, and Republicans have no plan to create jobs.

For years the Republicans have used their power to provide tax breaks and special deals for corporate interests, standing back while thousands of good-paying manufacturing jobs were shipped overseas. And now the American workers that have built these companies are paying the price.

Democrats want to build a stronger economy and jump-start our manufacturing sector by cutting taxes for domestic manufacturers and helping them create good-paying jobs here in the United States, and we want to end unfair tax breaks that would allow corporations to keep their money and their workers overseas. That is just wrong.

We want to stand up for American workers by enforcing the trade agreements that President Bush has not.

Mr. Speaker, why are Republicans stalling? What are they waiting for? They should simply bring up the Crane-Rangel bipartisan solution to cut taxes for domestic manufacturers and help them create good-paying jobs here in the United States. That is the answer, and it is simple.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas

and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### RHODE ISLAND VETERANS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3942) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3942

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. RHODE ISLAND VETERANS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, is hereby redesignated as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I rise in support of H.R. 3942. This legislation redesignates the U.S. Postal Service facility at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's Armed Forces are comprised of dedicated, skilled, and courageous individuals from all 50 States and every territory. Today, I am pleased to take time along with my colleagues to honor those who have served our Nation from the State of Rhode Island.

According to the 2000 census data, over 102,000 veterans live in Rhode Island, comprising 13 percent of the adult population of the State. This post office designation in Middletown is intended as a tribute to those 102,000 Rhode Islanders.

As we all know, U.S. military men and women remain engaged today in

the war on terror in faraway places like Afghanistan and Iraq. Here at home we can never give too much back to our brave active duty personnel or our veterans to whom we owe our Nation's freedom. That is why I am pleased that the House is considering H.R. 3942 today. I ask all Members to support its swift passage.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY) for his work to honor our Nation's military service veterans from the great State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he might consume to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY), who is also the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for allowing me this time. I also want to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON), for also acknowledging me and recognizing this piece of legislation, and also my friend, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KENNEDY) from the other side of the aisle for being here as well.

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As the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) mentioned, there are over 100,000 veterans living in my State of Rhode Island; and we are proud to support a few veterans from World War I and almost 40,000 from World War II. Rhode Island has close to 30,000 from Vietnam and roughly 20,000 from the Korean War. And more recently, Rhode Island is home to 4,000 veterans from the Persian Gulf War. Just a few weeks ago, 300 soldiers from Rhode Island's Military Police returned from Iraq.

These men and women come from different backgrounds and they live in different cities and towns and many of them are still working and also many of them are retired. But the one thing that they have in common is they have fought for this country to preserve the freedom of our Nation. They have all put their lives on the line in the name of democracy, and if they were not standing post in the front lines, they signed up and they could well have been put on the front lines. So all veterans, whether serving stateside or overseas, deserve our recognition.

Our Nation's veterans have answered the call to duty and have served our country in times of greatest need.

During my time in Congress I have had the honor to meet with several of Rhode Island's veterans, and I discovered that every time I sit down with one of them, I hear another fascinating story. Like Ray's story, a World War II veteran living in Lincoln, Rhode Island. He was the only man from an 11-member crew to survive. He remembers falling from the plane and landing in his parachute in a group of trees on a snowy mountainside, but he does not remember anything after that. Next

thing he knew he was in a German prisoner of war camp.

Sixty years later he comes back to Czechoslovakia to return to the place in Europe where he had been shot down. When he arrived not only was he welcomed by the mayor but he was given a key to the city, and all the local townsfolk held a big parade on his behalf, in addition to all wanting his autograph and wanting his picture.

It was during this trip, 60 years later, that he learned how he survived. He learned from the villagers how they had found and taken him to a nearby facility for treatment. They discussed how they were going to hide him. At that point, the German authorities were already on their way and they were able to apprehend him.

After 60 years someone from the town handed Ray the gloves that were on his hands 60 years before when he had parachuted to safety and then later on put in the prisoner of war camp.

As we can imagine, there are many stories like this that are all too frequent for those who occupy the VFW posts and American Legions and all of those places where our veterans congregate.

One of those places that all people congregate are the post offices, and that is why for millions of Americans who are not familiar in their daily lives with the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans, when they go into the post office, they are going to have to see once again that they owe everything in their lives to our Nation's veterans, and that is why I believe that our local post office back at home in Rhode Island is a perfect memorial to celebrate our veterans in Middletown and in Newport. Newport is one of the great homes of our Nation's Navy, and I know it will be appreciated by all of those who have served our country in uniform to be able to see that their post office is named for their fellow veterans.

We have wonderful memorials here in Washington, D.C. and, thanks to this legislation, we are going to have a wonderful memorial in our own backyard.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of H.R. 3942.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join with my colleagues in consideration of H.R. 3942, legislation naming the postal facility in Middletown, Rhode Island, after Rhode Island veterans.

This measure which was introduced by the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY) on March 11, 2004, and

unanimously reported by our committee on April 1, 2004, enjoys the support and co-sponsorship of the entire Rhode Island delegation.

Beginning with World War I through the Persian Gulf War, veteran Rhode Islanders from the First Congressional District in Rhode Island have bravely defended this great Nation from the great World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Persian War. There are over 45,000 veterans living in the First District. Statewide over 93,000 men and women have returned home to Rhode Island after serving in the military.

Designating the post office in Middletown, Rhode Island is an excellent way to honor Rhode Island veterans for their service to our country and to remember the enormous sacrifice the soldiers and their families have made and continue to make.

To the veterans of America, for your unselfish service and devotion to our country and your unwavering defense of our freedom, we thank you. I also want to commend the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY) for introducing this legislation. I urge its swift passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHROCK). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3942.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MELVIN JONES AND RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 399) honoring the life and legacy of Melvin Jones and recognizing the contributions of Lions Clubs International.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### H. RES. 399

Whereas Melvin Jones was born in the Cavalry Outpost at Fort Thomas, Arizona, on January 13, 1879;

Whereas Melvin Jones experienced early success in the insurance industry and that success led to his sole ownership of an insurance agency;

Whereas although many business clubs of the time exhibited a self-interested attitude, Melvin Jones had a vision of an organization of businessmen focused on volunteerism and community service;

Whereas the Association of Lions Clubs, known today as Lions Clubs International,

was begun on June 17, 1917, when 20 delegates gathered in the East Room of the Hotel LaSalle in Chicago;

Whereas, while Melvin Jones passed away on June 1, 1961, his legacy lives on;

Whereas, for over 85 years, Lions Clubs International has honored Melvin Jones' legacy by following the simple rule that he insisted be included in the organization's Constitution: "No club shall hold out as one of its objects, financial benefits to its members.";

Whereas Lions Clubs International counts over 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members, and constitutes the largest network of service clubs in the world; and

Whereas Lions Clubs International continues to embrace its motto "We Serve" by performing a wide range of services, including cleaning local parks, supporting advances in medical technology, bringing sight to the blind, mentoring children, and organizing Liberty Day celebrations: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors the life and legacy of volunteerism and community service of Melvin Jones; and

(2) recognizes the contributions and service of Lions Clubs International to communities and those in need throughout the world.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 399.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 399 recognizes the remarkable global contributions of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world.

Lions Clubs work to aid communities in 190 different countries with all sorts of humanity's problems. From collecting five million pairs of used eyeglasses each year to give to those with vision loss, to collecting thousands of books for hospitals and schools in need, and to establishing disease prevention programs, the Lions Clubs consistently live up to their long-stated mission, "We serve."

Mr. Speaker, the resolution also honors Melvin Jones, the founder of the Lions Clubs. Jones grew up in Chicago and worked in the insurance industry as a young adult at the turn of the 20th century. He became affiliated with the business group known as The Business Circle, but was dismayed that the group focused only on improving the financial status of its members. Jones sought a business club that asked for more from its members.

On June 17, 1917, Jones pulled together leaders of business clubs from